

Application of Information Theory, Lecture 12

Accessible Entropy and Statistically Hiding Commitments

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- ▶ Digital analogue of a safe
- ▶ Numerous applications (e.g., zero-knowledge, coin-flipping, secure computations,)

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